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Hawkeyes – Cyclones Prognostications (09/08/23)



The Hawkeyes Mic picks are in for the Iowa – Iowa State Annual Cy-Hawk Trophy Game — it's unanimous again this week for Game 2 of the 2023 Season - but no one thinks Iowa will get to 25 points. Check them out – see if you agree or disagree.

Scott Dochterman – Iowa 17-6:

The Hawkeyes may not have college football's best offense, but they're not nearly as depleted as the Cyclones.

TheAthletic.com
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John Bohnenkamp – Iowa 21-10:

Not 25, but it's good enough.

IowaCollegeHoops.com - **AP** - HawkeyeNation.com
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Marc Morehouse – Iowa 24-10:

You guys should shock the world and not drink any beer today. Do that. Freak people out.

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Brendan Stiles – Iowa 20-13:

Like many recent meetings between these two teams, I expect a fairly low scoring contest on Saturday in Ames. I'm going with Iowa to win a fairly close game where the defense plays better than it did against Utah State, and the Hawkeyes get a couple of plays late from Cade McNamara that allow them to distance themselves from the Cyclones.

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John Patchett – Iowa 20-13:

OK. Lots of stuff to talk about for this game. It's Iowa's first "trophy" game of the season - and the Hawkeyes are looking to reclaim the Cy-Hawk Trophy after last year's 10-7 loss at Kinnick Stadium. Iowa has won 5 straight in Ames (and its last 5 games played on grass fields) — the last loss at Jack Trice Stadium was in 2011 (3 OT).

A win in this one will be Kirk Ferentz's 200th as a head coach - and his 188th victory at Iowa. Kirk said Tuesday he's not really thinking about that at all — but when he gets it that will be a significant milestone in his coaching career.

Turnovers always seem key in this annual battle and you would think that will be the case Saturday. Expect to see Phil Parker's Defense put a lot of pressure on the Cyclones Freshman QB Rocco Brecht - 2 turnovers by him does not seem unrealistic.

All eyes - all season - are going to be on Iowa QB Cade McNamara's quad — that's a lot of focus on a single muscle, but it's also likely the most important factor for the Hawkeyes to have an above-average offense (for a change). McNamara looked OK last Saturday after his hot start (2 pass TDs) - then, you know, it looked more like last year's for the last 3 quarters including OC Brian Ferentz's play-calling tendencies (1 FG + 1 rush TD). And backup QB Deacon Hill in limited duty did little to inspire confidence in his passing proficiency — but I'll cut him some slack all things considered (for the time being). The Hawkeyes O-Line needs to play much better than last week - and Iowa really needs to establish a solid running game (something that has also been key in this series) - and I'm leaning towards both of those things happening despite ISU's 3-3-5 Defense.

Iowa's Defense and Special Teams ("punting is winning") should once again carry the day in Ames — and the Offense should do just enough to get the Hawkeyes 2nd win of the season. BUT - the "Drive to 25" will come up short in Week 2 just as it did in the season-opener. I do feel compelled, in all fairness, to point out that the Iowa did score more points last Saturday than did Ohio State (24 vs. 23) — but that's probably the only time that happens this season.

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Tyler Tjelmeland – Iowa 20-10:

Rhyme and reason go out the window in this series because of the tumultuous rivalry... Iowa is the better overall team with the better defense and a leg up on special teams. No pun intended.

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Jack Brandsgard – Iowa 17-13:

Iowa is far and away the best defense Rocco Becht has ever faced, so expect slow-going for the Cyclone offense. For the Iowa offense, the unit cooled significantly following a scorching start against Utah State. The Hawkeyes will need to be consistent in the run-blocking department. I'm more willing to bet on improved offensive line play from the Hawkeyes than a redshirt freshman quarterback against an elite defense.

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